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11. (SBU) Post received the following diplomatic note from the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs, dated 11/02/08 (informal Embassy translation).

BEGIN TEXT:

(Complimentary greeting)

Wish to notify the Embassy that the Ministry will convene a meeting at the level of senior officials of the Friends of Pakistan group in Abu Dhabi on November 17, 2008. The UAE will work to coordinate with the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to define the meeting agenda building upon the results of the ministerial meeting of the Friends of Pakistan that was held in New York on 26 September.

Hereby notify that the UAE coordinator for this group is Ambassador Dr. Tariq Ahmed al-Haidan, MFA Assistant Under Secretary for Political Affairs. Request Embassies notify the Ministry of your candidate for this group.

(Complimentary closing)
END TEXT.

12. (SBU) MFA indicates that this note was sent to the original participant countries in the New York meeting. The Australians have called to ask our advice on who are appropriate participants for the meeting. We defer to the Department for guidance.

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